

## Council Meeting

February 21, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Bill Spaetti at 5 p.m. CST. Parties present are as follows: Spaetti, Waninger, Knepper, Kress, Kroeger, Bunner, Winsett, Attorney John Wetherill and Auditor Donna J. Lynam.

### Minutes

January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 minutes; Kress made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Knepper seconded. All were in favor.

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 minutes; Bunner made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Kroeger seconded. All were in favor.

### Additional

#### St. Meinrad Water Tower

Commissioner President David Gogel spoke up to update the Council concerning the changes in the grant applications and the county match over the progression of the last two grants applied for and denied and the upcoming grant application now in process. St. Meinrad first requested in a grant application \$650,000 for a 10% (or \$65,000) county match, second grant application request was for \$1,010,000 for a 10% or (an additional \$36,000 plus the \$65,000 already set aside) for a total of \$101,000 county match and currently the grant application is for \$920,000. Gogel wanted to make the county council fully aware of the difference this round. Francis Lueken was present to discuss the matter as well. Lueken stated that the funding has been reduced by \$100,000. The current application deadline has been moved back to June 5, 2012. Lueken stated there is substantial community support and is in hopes that the council will still fund the \$101,000 county match. The scoring process has been revised this round per Lueken in favor of communities like St. Meinrad. The amount of community support helps the scoring process which gives St. Meinrad Utilities a better chance at grant opportunities (no guarantees). Kress stated that he and Knepper had attended all of the St. Meinrad Utility - Water Tower project meetings and spoke very favorable for the project. Kress stated that Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission of Ferdinand, Indiana stated they had never seen such attendance in a meeting...people really know how important it is to get this water system up there...you might say they are putting bubble gum in the holes it needs some water lines really bad. Kress stated there were some 50 people there at the last meeting. The water lines were put in the ground in the early 1960's and some lines are older. Lueken stated the current water tower is not tall enough any more causing water pressure problems. Knepper stated that water pressure definitely needs updated (he is on this water line through the St. Meinrad Utilities)... "Sometimes the water barely falls out of the faucet." St. Meinrad Archabbey is on the same line. Spencer County Bank is working with the St. Meinrad Utilities on a loan to cover the balance needed for the project. Kroeger stated that this is the type of COIT project that he felt the council should support. Spaetti supported the project. Knepper made a motion to commit \$101,000 out of COIT account #218-000-4010.00 funds to support St. Meinrad Grant Match- New Water Tower. Kress seconded. All were in favor. Lueken thanked the commissioners present at this meeting and the council for their continued support. Lueken stated he would advise on the next public meeting.

### Coroner

Not present, Spaetti stated he would give the coroner more time to come in and moved on to the next additional.

### Highway

Superintendent Painter came before the council with documentation to help explain his request for an additional \$27,000 (Equipment/Loader Account #201-004-4443.00) for the purchase of an end loader for the county highway garage. Painter stated they will be keeping the one they have but will take over the one they currently are using which is a 1989 model. If the one we currently have goes down we are dead in the water. With this additional end loader we can use the old one for a spare. The total value of this loader will cost \$92,000. Painter stated there is \$20,000 in the 2012 Highway Equipment budget and \$10,000 in the 2012 Cum. Bridge Equipment Budget and if the council would approve the transfer request (also presented at this meeting) for \$35,000 along with this request for an additional \$27,000 the county would be able to upgrade the end loader at this time. Kroeger stated to Spaetti to do the transfer at this time. Transfer completed. Knepper made a motion to approve \$27,000 additional needed to complete the purchase for the end loader for the county garage. Kroeger seconded. All were in favor.

#### Transfer

#### Cum Bridge

Superintendent Painter as stated above requested to decrease account #203-000-4372.00 Lease rental for \$35,000 and to increase account #203-000-4441.00 - Equipment \$35,000. Kroeger made a motion to approve Painters request for transfer. Winsett seconded. All were in favor. Spaetti asked if Painter had found a good end loader. Painter stated he will be taking bids and will open them on March 8, 2012. There were two commissioners present in support of the transfer and additional appropriation for the purchase of the much needed end loader for the county garage.

#### COIT

Honorable President of the County Commissioners David Gogel came before the council to request Re-appropriation of the balance remaining of \$73,860 (of the original \$180,000 approved in 2011, account #218-000-4010.00) Tower Project. There are expenses that will have to be paid to complete the Tower Project. (Costs that are to be paid yet: Approximately \$3,000 owed to Vectren, minimal concrete work, fencing to go around the new tower in Chrisney, and guide wires. Also, the cost to move Chrisney 180' tower to St. Meinrad) The New Tower is up at Chrisney! We are waiting on the FCC license for operation of the new tower; we are still using the old tower. Waninger made a motion to approve the \$73,860. Bunner seconded. All were in favor.

#### Riverboat

#### Personnel Handbook Revision

Honorable President of the County Commissioners, David Gogel came before the council to request an additional \$14,000 to cover the cost of the Personnel Handbook Revision Account #222-000-4010.50. At 10:30 a.m. cst today the Commissioners held a department head meeting to discuss any concerns with the newly adopted Personnel Handbook adopted in December 2011. There were some comments that the commissioners have taken under advisement. The Commissioners are considering updating the Job Descriptions. Toler spoke on the intensive detail of the handbook. The handbook had last been updated in 2003 and prior to that it was 1996. Job Descriptions had not been revised since 1997. Kroeger made a motion to approve the request of \$14,000 to cover the handbook cost. Knepper seconded. All were in favor.

#### Support of "The Way"

Spaetti spoke to the council reminding them of the last council meeting January 17, 2012 concerning the comments of the spokesmen and women of "The Way". Ron Conner and others spoke at the previous council meeting asking for the counties support of \$25,000 for "The Way". Please refer to January 17, 2012 minutes for further details. ("The Way" was not asked to attend this meeting so there was no one present from "The Way".) Winsett made a motion to approve the request. Bunner seconded. All were in favor. "The Way" is to receive the \$25,000 as follows: \$2,500 dollars for a period of 10 months.

#### Cum Bridge

#### Huffman Mill Bridge

Honorable Engineer Tara Lloyd came before the council to request \$24,000, account #203-000-471.00 (the same \$24,000 that was approved last year for this project). The \$24,000 could not be encumbered at the end of 2011 because there was no executed contracts. Bunner made a motion to approve Lloyd's request for \$24,000 to do cosmetic and stabilization work to the Huffman Mill Bridge. Perry County has allotted \$24,000 as well for this same project they used the Interlocal agreement with Spencer County to encumber their funds. Waninger seconded. All were in favor.

#### CEDIT

Honorable Engineer Tara Lloyd came before the council to request \$2,000,000 for the 2012 Paving Projects, Improvements, Maintenance and Striping, Account #236-000-4010.00.

#### Additional

#### Probation User fee

President of Council Spaetti asked Auditor Lynam if by approving the \$580 dollars to probation user fee that would make all of the Secretary's in Honorable Judge Dartt's office salaries the same. Lynam stated yes. All secretaries in Dartt's office are paid \$29,560. However, Janice Sisley is paid \$28,980. Kress made a motion to make adjustment to increase probation user fee by \$580 dollars. Waninger seconded. All were in favor.

#### Health

Donna Etienne came before the Council to request approval to use \$11,000 for the Emergency Preparedness program. Purchases will be used for the following: Supplies, hardware, (Backup servers for all of the health department computers) and monitors for emergency access 24/7. The money is grant money that is approved by the State of Indiana. Etienne submits a request to the

state prior to coming before the council for their approval. In 2010, \$10,000 was the requested amount used for this program. After this money is spent the State reimburses the money back to the county. Kress made a motion to approve Etienne's request. Bunner seconded. All were in favor.

#### Annual Appropriations

The annual appropriations will follow these council minutes (In Council Minute Book). Annual Appropriations are determined the beginning of each year for funds that had balances in them that rolled back into the county general account at the end of previous year (2011). These amounts when placed back into their funds can be used by the appropriate department without having to come back to the council for an amount that already has been approved. The last two are not Annual Appropriations but are for commitments already made of which when the payments come due the Auditor's office will have the funds to release to make the payments in a timely matter. Knepper made a motion to approve the annual appropriations. Kress seconded. All were in favor.

#### Transfer

##### Jail-County General

Sheriff Lindsey requested a transfer of funds in the Sheriff's budget as follows:

Increase account 105-4113.00 Detective Sergeant \$34,410.00 and to Decrease account 105-4114.02 Deputy Sergeant \$34,410.00. Jim McDurmon came before the council to discuss transfer. Kroeger asked if Detective and Deputy Sergeant make the same amount of pay. McDurmon responded to Kroeger with a yes. Bunner made a motion to approve the transfer. Kress seconded. All were in favor.

#### Tourism

Melissa Wilkinson came before the Council to discuss the Tourism Annual Report. The Counties New Lodging Facilities include: 1) Silent Night Golf and Vacation Rentals has opened by Christmas Lake Golf Course. They had two units in 2011 and are expanding to four units this year (2012). 2) Lake Rudolph Campground and RV Resort added 25 new Lake Rudolph Christmas Cabins. 3) Santa's Cottages added four additional cottages.

Two new tourism businesses: 1) Monkey Hollow Winery near St. Meinrad and Fulda 2) Santa's Stables near Golf Course in Santa Claus. Holiday World added some children friendly rides, Restoration of the Santa Claus statue and two cabins in Lincoln Pioneer Village and Museum. The Capitol Christmas Tree visited Santa Claus Indiana in December and Forbes Magazine declared the Town of Santa Claus Indiana one of the world's top Christmas destinations.

#### Workmen's Compensation

Auditor Lynam included a letter from Bituminous concerning Coroners need for Protective equipment for his deputies. There was discussion. David Gogel and Mickey Toler both were present in the meeting and discussed the matter as well with the council.

#### Drainage Board

Al Logsdon came before the council to discuss requested funds for the drainage board. The Drainage Board advisory board met December 1, 2011. Logsdon provided the council with a detailed report of that meeting. Logsdon stated surveyor Herron was at that meeting but was unavailable for today's meeting. Logsdon requested 1/2 of the following in funds:

#### 2012 Request for funding to improve the listed streams

<u>Stream</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
Anderson River	\$ 5,000
Big Sandy Creek	5,000
Crooked Creek	3,000
Garrett Creek	10,000
Lake drain and tributaries	10,000
Tower Drain	1,850-----Amount due in 2012
Miscellaneous	<u>15,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 49,850</b>

Logsdon stated he is requesting one-half of amounts now so when the ground dries up they will be able to begin work on Garrett Creek. Spaetti stated to clarify. Last spring (2011) it was so wet to begin work drainage board was only able to do minimal work spending only \$11,797. Kress made a motion to approve Logsdon to be able to request \$25,000 out of Rainy Day. Winsett seconded. All were in favor. Logsdon will make formal request at next meeting after the

drainage board meets. Winsett committed on the great work drainage board provides to the county.

#### The Way

Ron Conner came before the Council to discuss "The Way" and his letter of request and proposal of \$25,000 support from the County. Conner stated that God has blessed "The Way". The people... "The Way" serves is growing every day. Average cost of a prison bed is \$29,000 per year. Conner came before the Commissioners at an earlier meeting today to ask for a recommendation from the Commissioners for their support to the Spencer County Council for the \$25,000. All three Commissioners stated their support for "The Way". All three Commissioners seconded. All Commissioners were in favor at the earlier meeting today. Brett Cieslack, Program Director was at this meeting as well. When one person finds a new life, it reaches out and touches many others. There was a great discussion on the work that "The Way" has been providing to Spencer County. The Way works hand in hand with the Community Corrections, jail, and prosecutor offices. Discussion was all that could be done at this meeting due to the fact that an additional appropriation would have to be advertised to the public of Spencer County. Kress made a motion to show approval of "The Way's" request for \$25,000. Kroeger seconded. All were in favor.

#### Riverboat

There was discussion as to which fund Riverboat or Rainy Day to fund the "The Way's" request of \$25,000. Kress made a motion to fund the \$25,000 in equal monthly payments out of the Riverboat fund for "The Way". Kroeger seconded. All were in favor.

#### LEPC Spending Plan

Al Perdue came before the Council to request approval of the LEPC Spending plan. Perdue provided the council with a complete report of 2011 expenses. The balance in the LEPC Spending plan started with \$7,544.68 dollars and took in receipts of \$6,957.91 leaving the account with a balance of \$8,688.43. The \$8,688.43 is an annual appropriation that would have rolled over into the County General account and remained there if not for the approval earlier in this meeting. (Refer back to Annual Appropriations paragraph). With Council approval the \$8,688.43 is taken back out of County General (where it rolled into at the end of December 2011) and put back into LEPC Spending Plan. Perdue was the only department that came forward to show accountability to this fund. Perdue has to send in data to the State of Indiana.

#### 2012 Meeting Schedule

It was approved by the council to move the April meeting to the 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 instead of the 16<sup>th</sup>. Bunner made a motion to approve. Knepper seconded. All were in favor.

#### Jail

Commissioner Mickey Toler came before the council to discuss the security problem at the jail. Johnson Control systems and services handle the counties security at the jail. Toler discussed needing to request \$50,000 as an additional to replace the security system. Johnson Control cannot repair the security system. Currently, the jail has only one system running in the control room. Since, this is an immediate (major) concern so that security is not it was recommended by Gogel he would prepare a letter transfer from Court House Maintenance to jail repairs (since fund is in the same series). Spaetti stated then if money is needed for Court House Maintenance Gogel can come before council to replenish Court house maintenance fund. It was agreed to proceed with letterhead transfer.

#### Jail Fuel

Kroeger discussed with council (and commissioners) the deficit in the jail fuel budget. The concern is not immediate because there is money in the 2012 budget. However, an additional of approximately \$43,000 will have to be made sometime this year to help to get the county highway department re-paid. There was discussion of specific mileage logs.

#### Adjourned

Knepper made a motion to adjourn meeting. Bunner seconded. All were in favor.

Board of Council meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. cst

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